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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-17 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, and 5-6 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 5-6 and 11-13 are independent.

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Dear Examiner Huynh:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2004, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

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